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1. USDEL SHOULD VIGOROUSLY SUPPORT NORDIC COUNTRIES' RESOLUTION ON STRENGTHENING THE TECHNOLOGICAL CAPACITY OF DEVELOPING COUNTRIES. STEP IS RATIONAL FOLLOW-UP TO UNCTAD IV RESOLUTION ON SAME SUBJECT. WE HAD INDICATED PRIVATELY AT NAIROBI THAT SUCH A MOVE IS A GOOD ONE.

2. NORDICS ARE CORRECT IN CALLING FOR EXAMINATION OF THE CAPACITY OF THE UN SYSTEM TO BRING RESOURCES TO BEAR ON THE GENERAL FUNCTIONS WHICH ARE NOW DELINEATED FOR THE VARIOUS CENTERS FOR DEVELOPMENT AND TRANSFER OF TECHNOLOGY. MANY OF THESE FUNCTIONS, WHICH ARE NOT YET CLEARLY DEFINED, ARE THE SUBJECT OF ACTIVITY OF ONE UN AGENCY OR ANOTHER.

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3. ECOSOC IS APPROPRIATE FORUM FOR COORDINATTON OF

ECONOMIC ACTIVITIES OF THE UN FAMILY. PROBLEM OF DEVELOPMENT AND TRANSFER OF TECHNOLOGY IS SO DIFFICULT THAT ONLY CONCERTED APPROACH MOBILIZING RESOURCES OF ENTIRE UN (AS WELL AS ORGANIZATIONS OUTSIDE UN), AS SUGGESTED BY DRAFT RESOLUTION, IS LIKELY TO SUCCEED.

4. SECRETARY GENERAL OF UN IS PROPER OFFICIAL TO CARRY OUT STUDY OF RESPONSIBILITIES, AUTHORITY AND COOPERATION OF ALL UN BODIES. WE APPLAUD OPERATIVE WORDS PARAGRAPH 4 AND OF RESOLUTION ITSELF QUOTE UNDERTAKE A STUDY OF THE CAPACITY OF THE UN SYSTEM AS A WHOLE TO RENDER FINANCIAL AND TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE TOWARDS THE ESTABLISHMENT AND OPERATION OF NATIONAL, SUBREGIONAL AND REGIONAL CENTERS FOR THE DEVELOPMENT AND TRANSFER OF TECHNOLOGY. END QUOTE.

5. DEPARTMENT AGREES THAT PROPOSED STUDY WOULD COMPLEMENT, NOT SUBSTITUTE FOR NOR CONFLICT WITH 1976 CSTD REPORT OR RESOLUTION 3507(XXX). RESOLUTION IS CORRECT IN STATING THAT INFORMATION SYSTEM PLANNED UNDER RESOLUTION 3507 QUOTE SHOULD BE VIEWED AS ONE COMPONENT IN A COMPREHENSIVE UN PROGRAM OF ASSISTANCE IN THE FIELD OF TRANSFER OF TECHNOLOGY. END QUOTE. WE HAVE NOTHING TO ADD TO THE LANGUAGE OF THE DRAFT. THE NORDICS SHOULD BE COMMENDED FOR THIS EFFORT. KISSINGER

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